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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Networking for a Cause: June 26, 2018

On June 26, 2018, Grace Klein Community will hold its quarterly [Networking for a Cause](#) event at [Dreamland BBQ](#). Networking for a Cause is a free event that provides a great opportunity to meet new people in the Birmingham business community, build relationships, and make new contacts, while raising funds to assist families in the Birmingham area with food, clothing, and household items. An average of 150 business professionals attend our networking events.

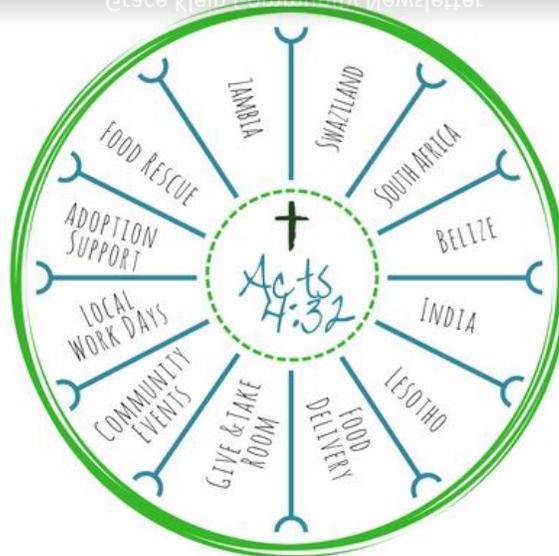
Networking for a Cause was created to help build community among local business professionals, providing information and opportunity to get involved with [Grace Klein Community](#). The networking event unites several networking groups and sponsors to help fund the efforts of Grace Klein Community to provide food assistance to local families every month.

Please join us for an evening of networking, great food, live music, a silent auction, and door prizes. Admission is free.

Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Dreamland BBQ: 101 Inverness Corners, Hoover, Alabama 35242



**GRACE KLEIN
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OUR PURPOSE

To Demonstrate the Love of Christ

Grace Klein Community exists as an educational and charitable 501(c)3 non-profit providing relief to the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged, lessening community tensions, eliminating prejudice and discrimination and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.

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No More Safety Pins

Grace Klein Community, in partnership with Liberty Church, will be hosting our 3rd annual No More Safety Pins event benefiting the Local Food Delivery Outreach Program of Grace Klein Community. No More Safety Pins is a clothing trade event for the frazzled mama who doesn't have time for sorting, tagging, and safety pins. Clothing children for the next season does not have to be a stressor or a budget breaker. Help us serve and unite families in Birmingham.

Trade Days:

August 16, 2018 from 5pm til 9pm (Early Shoppers Only)

August 17, 2018 from 10am til 6pm

August 18, 2018 from 8am til 4pm

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“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” – 1 Peter 4:10

Local Efforts

School Supply Drive

Let's join hands and share from our overflow! [Grace Klein Community](#) and [Church of the Highlands](#) have partnered in our efforts to care for the hearts of Birmingham families. As of this month, we are collecting school supplies to love on single mamas and underprivileged children in our community. GKC is a drop off location for these items. Drop off address: 2652 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Hoover, AL 35216.

School Supply List:

Crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, no. 2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, plastic folders, wide-ruled notebooks, tissues, backpacks, pencil pouches, ballpoint pens, rulers, construction paper, index cards, highlighters, three ring binders, loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, subject dividers, glue, calculators, graph paper, post-its, white-out, protractors, graphing calculators, mechanical pencils, permanent markers.

Email natalie@gracekleincommunity.com for more information.



Is Networking Effective?

Some of you may wonder, “Do networking events really work?” And, “What’s in it for me, besides free door prizes, bidding on amazing silent auction items, hearing Birmingham’s upcoming new artists live, and visiting with the Grace Klein Community?!! I’m glad you asked!

A few of our recent networking stories...

Shannon Shriver, Sales Director with OneSouth Financial Group, in Birmingham, attended a Networking for A Cause event and met Torie Nix, Owner of The Rinehart Insurance Agency, in Columbiana. After the event they followed up and Torie ended up helping Shannon with his P/C coverage, and Shannon solved one of Torie's financial goals. They realized that their clients could benefit from what they each offered separately. So, in April they formed a partnership and not only are their businesses thriving, but their clients are well insured and very happy.

Another attendee, Allison Combs of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries met Chris and Janet Goins of A2 Church at the same event. After sharing their hearts, they also followed up with one another, after the event. A2 Church has a ladies gathering monthly, Lovely, and they invited Allison to share at their April event. How sweet is our Father?!

Please join us for [Networking for a Cause](#), Tuesday, June 26, 4-8 pm at [Dreamland BBO](#) on 280. You never know who you are going to meet and how God will use this event to grow your business or ministry.





Global Efforts

Be All In. Be All There.

“A few years ago I took a trip to Zambia and I couldn’t ever seem to get all there. Physically I was there. Spiritually, mentally, emotionally I was anywhere and everywhere except for where God had called me. Usually the things that keep me from being fully present is work, insecurities in my abilities and giftings, and missing my sweet Jen back home. For weeks before this trip I prayed that God would allow me to be fully present with Him and His people in Zambia. He answered with a resounding yes over and over again.

How does the Lord want us to approach him? BE ALL IN!!!! Jump in and don’t hold back. Don’t try to cover up and preserve certain areas of your life. Give it all to him. Fully exposed and ready to be drenched. Once it’s drenched, let it soak. BE ALL IN!!! BE ALL THERE!!!!” [READ MORE](#)

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” – Romans 12:10

BETTER TOGETHER

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12: 4-5

Our “better togethers” introduce various members of Grace Klein Community and help us understand how our different giftings work together to form one body. We are better together.

Quiet Obedience

A humble and quiet mama of a bunch of littles contacted Grace Klein Community about committing to serve regularly with their family. They all wanted to come, even the daddy, and could they come on Friday afternoons. You are kidding, right??

Tessa Jones and her family have been coming to GKC on Fridays for over a year now. Often she is wearing one of the babies and littles are scrubbing compost buckets. They are teaching the kids to sweep and mop, to wipe down shelves, to sanitize containers and fridges, to look for anything that needs to be put away or straightened. The obvious point is they are willing to do anything to help and Tessa and her husband are teaching their children the value of serving and the extra blessing of serving unseen.

Tessa lays down her life every single day for her family, calm and non-confrontational, slow to speak and slow to anger, a scripture loving memory verse queen, an encourager who takes people to God’s Word, she intentionally seeks God in everything and the fruit of the spirit is evident in her day to day life. [READ MORE](#)



Bold Vulnerability

Grace Klein Community creates many different intentional gatherings to provide opportunities for members to laugh, grow, serve, pray, and worship together. Our events give opportunities for members to live life together. A special favorite, ladies nights! A time for women of all ages to let go, laugh a little, cry a lot, and just be free to share their hearts without the sense of judgement from the world. The Lord brings us together in our imperfection, brokenness and insecurities, (vulnerability at it's best,) and turns our burdens of this world into beautiful surrender to the Father as we journey life together.

Hear from the heart of our dear sister, Grace Wong, of her experience at a ladies gathering on May 23rd ... [READ MORE](#)

We LOVE Brookville Elementary

Every Friday morning for the past year, Darrien and Ashanti Dill come to the Grace Klein Community office and pick up food for 28 children of Brookville Elementary Back Pack Buddies Program. Darrien and Ashanti know firsthand what going hungry feels like. Darrien had just finished law school and was in an accident involving an 18-wheeler. He was in and out of the hospital for 3 years. After his recovery he could no longer practice law due to injuries he sustained in the accident. They ended up losing everything. He and Ashanti were living in their car. After a hospital visit, the doctor told them about Birmingham Hospitality Network, where 13 church host congregations would allow them to stay 1 week at a time for 8 months. There they had church members who would spend the night with them and tend to their needs. [READ MORE](#)



“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” – Colossians 4:2

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

Riverchase Baptist Speaking Engagement

[Riverchase Baptist Church](#) hosted a six week study on what Jesus teaches us about Business as Mission. On May 9th, Grace Klein Community shared the importance of living as missionaries in our day-to-day lives, specifically in regards to the work place. The evening was spent marinating on scriptures that encourage missional living and building our house/business on the rock which is Jesus.

Society of St. Andrew – Alabama Gleaning Network

Thank you to the [Society of St. Andrew, Alabama Gleaning Network](#) for the donation of sweet potatoes for over 250 families on May 9th. We were shocked they could give us so many potatoes; 3.5 pounds per family.

They glean America's fields, to feed America's hungry, and we are honored to partner with them in feeding Birmingham families.

Norfolk Southern Railroad Donation

Thank you to [Norfolk Southern Railroad](#) for the donation of railroad ties AND for delivering them to our property on May 21st.

The ties will be used as a support wall for the circular driveway we are adding, behind the office, to make the office more accessible. A serve team from Zeneca Pharmaceuticals helped install a portion of the retaining wall on May 25th.



THANK YOU to the 60 individuals & families who shared in tangible donations this month!



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THANK YOU to the 90 individuals and families as well as the 11 businesses and churches who gave financially this month!

MEET OUR NEWEST BUSINESS PARTNERS



“Here at Redstone Church, we long to partner with like-minded organizations to serve our city and lead more and more people into a growing relationship with Christ. We believe we can strategically serve with GKC to that end in our community.” – [Redstone Church](#)

Grace Klein Community would like to express our sincere thanks to our [Business Partners](#) for their support. Business Partners help make it possible for Grace Klein Community to provide food, clothing, and essential household items to aid individuals and families in need throughout the Birmingham Metro area and around the world.